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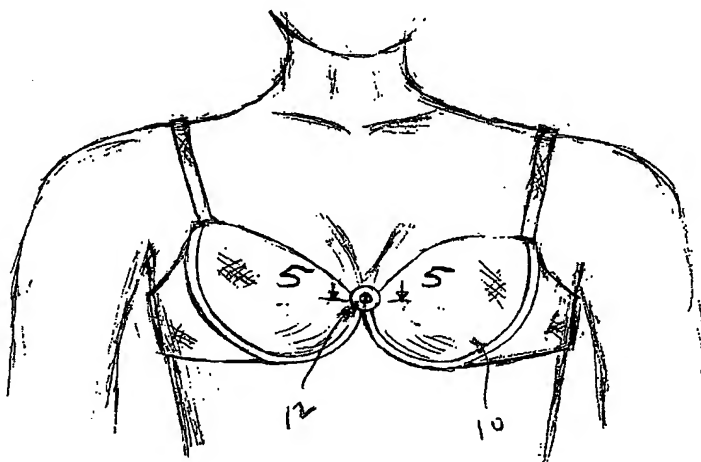
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(54) Title: ADJUSTABLE UNDERWIRE ASSEMBLY



(57) Abstract: An adjustable underwire assembly for brassiere cups is disclosed, including a first generally U-shaped arcuate underwire member dimensioned and configured for insertion into a correspondingly generally U-shaped enclosure which extends along at least a portion of a first brassiere cup, and a second generally U-shaped arcuate underwire member dimensioned and configured for insertion into a correspondingly generally U-shaped enclosure which extends along at least a portion a second brassiere cup adjacent the first brassiere cup. A connecting and adjustment device connects the first generally arcuate member to the second generally arcuate member, the connecting device including a plurality of locking teeth or other locking surfaces or devices to selectively alter and maintain the relative angular orientation between the first and second generally arcuate members to facilitate adjustment of the brassiere cups as required by the wearer. The cups may be rotated downwardly for comfort, or upwardly for cleavage enhancement. Alternative configurations and optional locking devices are disclosed. A brassiere incorporating the adjustable underwire assembly is also disclosed.

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